

KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER
(A.)

Chairman Brandon Jones called the January 15, 2021 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference. Notice of this teleconference was given to the public via the KRGC website, Public Square website, and social media. Commissioners David Moses, Kelly Kultala, Larry Turnquist, and Dave Myres were also present. Others present included Executive Director Don Brownlee, General Counsel Judith Taylor, Director of Administration, Audit, and Finance Brandi White, Director of Electronic Gaming Roger Bailey, Director of Electronic Security and IT Dennis Bachman, Director of Security Joe Herridge, Recording Secretary Sarah Lynch-Chaput, and other staff.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE
SESSION; ATTORNEY-
CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND
BACKGROUND REPORTS
(B.)

Commissioner Myres (Kultala) moved that the Commission go into executive session for the purpose of confidential attorney-client privileged communications and reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. In addition to the commissioners, those included in the executive sessions were the executive director and general counsel for attorney-client privilege and the executive director, general counsel, and director of security for reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. The total time for the executive session was anticipated to be twenty-five minutes until 10:00 a.m. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:35 a.m.

RECONVENE
(C.)

The commission meeting returned to open session at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

MOTION, APPROVE
AGENDA
(D.)

Commissioner Moses (Turnquist) moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE
DECEMBER 11, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
(E.)

Commissioner Kultala (Myres) moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA
(F.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Moses) moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS; BOOT
HILL CASINO & RESORT
(G.1.a.)

Diane Giardine, General Manager, reported:

- December 2020 revenue numbers compared to December 2019:
 - Total gaming revenue up 1.00%
 - Total slot revenue up 0.84%
 - Table games revenue up 2.41%
- Events and Promotions:
 - Weekly Kiosk Games
 - Weekly Food and Beverage Specials
 - Gift Promotions
 - Bills on Us Promotions
 - Fairy Tales on Ice, April 9th
 - Everclear with Fastball, April 24th
 - Lee Brice, May 14th
 - Jeff Dunham, August 13th
- Boot Hill Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons
- Responsible Gaming Report (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)
 - 228 active employees
 - Hired 53 new employees
 - 49 new hires received TIPS responsible alcohol training and responsible gambling training during orientation
 - 41 existing employees recertified their TIPS Training
 - 196 active employees completed annual refresher training during the 4th quarter of 2020
 - Participated in Responsible Gambling Education Week, September 13-19
 - 3 VEPs refused entry to the gaming floor
 - 7 VEPs removed from the gaming floor
 - 2 intoxicated patrons refused entry to the gaming floor

- 95 intoxicated patrons removed from the gaming floor
- 150 minors refused entry to the gaming floor
- 0 minors removed from the gaming floor
- 259 patrons without ID refused entry to the gaming floor
- 108 patrons with invalid ID refused entry to the gaming floor

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS
STAR
(G.2.a.)

Jeff Babinski, Vice President and General Manager, reported:

- December 2020 revenue numbers compared to December 2019:
 - Admissions down 41.6%
 - Total gross gaming revenue down 17.6%
 - Slot coin-in down 14.3%
 - Slot hold flat
 - Table games drop down 25.9%
 - Table games hold down 2.9 points
 - Poker room remains closed
- Events and Promotions:
 - Wichita Flea Market, January 16th and 17th
 - Kansas Ground Water Association, January 20th – 22nd
 - Asian Variety Show, February 12th
 - Wichita Flea Market, February 20th and 21st
- Kansas Star Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons
- Responsible Gaming Report (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)
 - 566 active employees
 - Hired 86 new employees
 - All new hires have received responsible gaming and alcohol awareness training during orientation
 - 83 employees took ServSafe responsible alcohol training
 - Participated in Responsible Gambling Education Week, September 13-19
 - 2 VEPs refused entry to the gaming floor
 - 4 VEPS removed from the gaming floor
 - 153 intoxicated patrons refused entry to the gaming floor
 - 190 intoxicated patrons removed from the gaming floor

- 164 minors refused entry to the gaming floor
- 2 minors removed from the gaming floor
- 1,198 patrons without ID refused entry to the gaming floor
- 522 patrons with invalid ID refused entry to the gaming floor
- 192 patrons removed from gaming floor for other reasons
- Security checked 95,075 IDs during the reporting period

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS;
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT
KANSAS SPEEDWAY
(G.3.a.)

Al Thompson, Vice President of Casino Operations, reported:

- December 2020 revenue numbers compared to December 2019:
 - Admissions down 37.7%
 - Total gaming revenue \$9.2 million, a decrease of 32.3%
 - Slot revenue \$8.6 million, a decrease of 28.5%
 - Table games revenue \$689,000, a decrease of 53.3%
 - Poker room remains closed
- Events and Promotions:
 - Win Free Play for a Year, December 26th
 - New Year's Eve Drawing - \$100,000, December 31st
 - Blizzards of Cash, January 23rd
 - \$20K Download to Get More Promotion, January 29th
 - VIP Slow Cooker Giveaway, January 30th
- Hollywood Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons
- Responsible Gaming Report (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)
 - 316 active employees
 - Hired 39 new employees
 - All new hires received responsible gaming training during orientation
 - 11 new hires received TIPS responsible alcohol training
 - 7 existing employees completed refresher TIPS training
 - Participated in Responsible Gambling Education Week, September 13-19

- 35 VEPs refused entry or removed from the gaming floor
- 134 intoxicated patrons refused entry or removed from the gaming floor
- 73 minors refused entry to the gaming floor
- 0 minors removed from the gaming floor

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS
CROSSING CASINO
(G.4.a.)

Jeff McCain, General Manager, reported:

- December 2020 revenue numbers compared to December 2019:
 - Admissions down 34.5%
 - Net slot revenue down 5.8%
 - Table games drop down 14%
 - Net gaming revenue down 8.6%
- Events and Promotions:
 - Winter Winning Hot Seats, January Mondays
 - Camp 49 Hot Seats and Lunch Specials, January Wednesdays
 - KCC Cash Drop Promotion, January Fridays
 - Casino Gifts, January Saturdays
 - VIP Blackjack Tournament, January 9th
 - Bank Buster Grand Prize Drawing, January 29th
- Kansas Crossing Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons
- Responsible Gaming Report (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)
 - 196 active employees
 - Hired 42 new employees
 - 19 new hires received C.A.R.E. responsible alcohol training
 - All employees have had responsible gambling training
 - Participated in Responsible Gambling Education Week, September 13-19
 - 2 VEPs refused entry or removed from the gaming floor
 - 7 intoxicated patrons refused entry to the gaming floor
 - 32 intoxicated patrons removed from the gaming floor
 - 62 minors refused entry to the gaming floor
 - 1 minor removed from the gaming floor
 - 408 patrons without ID refused entry to the gaming floor

- 45 patrons with invalid ID refused entry to the gaming floor

COMMISSION ITEMS –
OLD BUSINESS
(H.)

There were no old business items.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
NEW BUSINESS
(I.)

There were no new business items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(J.)

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS
(K.1.a. and K.2)

Sarah Lynch-Chaput, Paralegal, reported on the Voluntary Exclusion Program statistics for the month of December 2020.

Executive Director Brownlee reported:

- The Legislative Session began this week. Todd Allen, KRGC Government Relations Manager, follows pending legislation related to racing or gaming that may impact the agency. At this time, there have not been any sports wagering bills introduced.
- Most bills that involve gaming issues get referred to the Federal and State Affairs Committee in each legislative body. The House Federal and State Affairs Committee is chaired by John Barker of Abilene. The new vice chair of this committee is Tori Arnberger from Great Bend and the ranking minority member is Louis Ruiz of Kansas City. The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee is now chaired by Larry Allen of Winfield, the vice chair is Richard Hilderbrand from Baxter Springs, and the ranking minority member is Oletha Faust-Goudeau from Wichita.
- The Governor's budget was presented to the Legislature. The budget does not make any additional changes to KRGC's budget, besides the shrinkage rate discussed at prior meetings. The Governor's budget included a 2.5% pay increase for state employees.
- Commissioner Moses and Commissioner Turnquist were reappointed to the Commission and should come up for full senate confirmation in the near future.

- Governor Kelly requested state employees avoid state office buildings the week of January 18th through 22nd due to security concerns.
- In 2020, the debt setoff program collected \$1,558 in outstanding KRGF fines, including \$583 in gaming fines and \$975 in racing fines.
- The Commission is required to select a vice chair and secretary each year. That selection process will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

MOTIONS ON LICENSE
APPLICATIONS
(L.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Kultala) moved to *deny* one license application, and *approve* the remaining 129 license applications from the January 15, 2021 list of background reports referred to the commission for action. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURN
(M.)

The next meeting of the commission is on February 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held by teleconference. Commissioner Moses (Myres) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Larry Turnquist
Secretary

APPROVED BY:



David Moses
Chairman